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SUBJECT: ECE-INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS ECE SENIOR ENVIRONMENT  
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1. SUMMARY. REPRESENTATIVES OF THIRTEEN ECE COUNTRIES  
(6 WEST, 6 EAST AND FINLAND) MET OCTOBER 30-31, WERE  
WELCOMED BY AND RECEIVED LENGTHY LIST FOR FUTURE  
CONSIDERATION FROM ECE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY STANOVNIK,  
DISCUSSED HOW TO INCREASE QUALITY OF AND SET PRIORITIES  
FOR SAE ACTIVITIES AND FINALIZED PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR  
FOURTH SESSION OF SENIOR ADVISERS TO ECE GOVERNMENTS ON  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS (SAE) TO BE HELD FEBURARY 9-13  
1976. END SUMMARY.

2. WESTERN REPS, ALL FROM CAPITALS, INCLUDED THOSE FROM  
CANADA (BIRD), FRG, NORWAY (LYKKE, CHAIRMAN OF SESSION),  
SWITZERLAND, UK AND US (SPEILMAN, OES, AND THOMPSON, EPA).  
ONLY TWO EES WERE REPRESENTED FROM CAPITALS,  
CZECHSOLVAKIA AND HUNGARY; OTHERS (BULGARIA, GDR, POLAND  
AND USSR) FROM PERMANENT ECE MISSIONS. BOTH CZECH AND  
HUNGARIAN CONTRIBUTED TO DISCUSSION, ESPECIALLY LATTER.  
LYKKE WAS ESPECIALLY EFFECTIVE IN GUIDING DISCUSSION AND  
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BIRD PLAYED ACTIVE LEADERSHIP ROLE IN DISCUSSION OF

PROCEDURES AND PRIORITIES.

3. STANOVNIK PRESENTED GROUP WITH COMPREHENSIVE MATRIX OF 27 PROPOSED TOPICS TAKING INTO ACCOUNT PRESENT SAE ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS HELSINKI FOLLOW-UP. GROUP FELT UNABLE TO DEAL IN TWO DAYS WITH SO COMPREHENSIVE A PROPOSAL AND CONCENTRATED ON DEVELOPING NORMAL SAE AGENDA, WHICH WILL REFLECT TWO TOPICS ESPECIALLY DESIGNATED FOR FUTURE ACTION IN HELSINKI FINAL ACT: LONG-RANGE TRANSPORT OF AIR POLLUTANTS AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSEQUENCES OF ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT. FORMER WILL APPEAR UNDER DISCUSSION OF PRESENT SAE WORK AND LATTER WILL FIGURE AS MAIN TOPIC UNDER GENERAL DISCUSSION OF POLICIES AND STRATEGIES FOR ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND IMPROVEMENT IN ECE REGION. SPECIFIC SUBJECT AS PROPOSED BY HUNGARY IS ENTITLED "ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC PLANS."

4. GROUP WAS FAVORABLY INCLINED TO MORE EFFECTIVE SAE ROLE IN SETTING PRIORITIES FOR NEW ACTIVITIES AND IS REVIEWING CURRENT WORK PROGRAM WITH VIEW TO ITS RATIONALIZATION. ONE SUGGESTION RE LATTER WAS POSSIBLE CREATION OF SMALL TASK FORCE TO EXAMINE PRESENT PROGRAM IN LIGHT OF CRITERIA ADOPTED BY SAE IN FEBRUARY 1975 (ECE/ENV/10, ANNEX II). RECURRENT THEMES WERE AVOIDANCE OF DUPLICATION WITH WORK OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, COORDINATING ECE ACTIVITIES CLOSELY WITH THOSE OF LATTER, AND MATCHING CAREFULLY FUTURE PROJECTS AGAINST PRESENT AND POTENTIAL RESOURCES. SECRETARIAT (BISHOP) GAVE ASSURANCES ON ALL THREE, BUT ALSO NOTED LIKELY STANOVNIK INTENTION TO SEEK EXTRA BUDGETARY RESOURCES TO DEAL ESPECIALLY WITH HELSINKI FOLLOW-UP.

5. COMMENT: THIS SESSION PROVIDED USEFUL OPPORTUNITY TO PREPARE GROUND FOR SAE MEETING IN FEBRUARY. FURTHER DISCUSSION OF SECRETARIAT THINKING AND FUTURE PLANS WILL BE AFFORDED BY PRESENCE OF BISHOP IN WASHINGTON NOVEMBER 6-7. TENTATIVELY, HE IS SCHEDULED TO MEET WITH DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY HERTER (OES) AFTERNOON 6TH AND FITZHUGH GREEN (EPA) ON 7TH. DALE  
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